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SUBJ: EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 275328

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA. #3 REFTEL:

A. EVERETT E. BRIGGS, DCM, CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM MATTHEWS, SAIC, DEA
ANDREW R. KAY, POLITICAL OFFICER
FRANK ESQUIVEL, POLITICAL OFFICER
WILLIAM FINNEGAN, CONSUL
PAUL MONTAVON, ASSISTANT AID DIRECTOR
COL. CHARLES WALLIS, DATT
THOMAS CHAROUHAS, PAO

B. FULL COMMITTEE MEETS AS NEEDED -- USUALLY TWICE YEARLY.
LAST MEETING MAY 23, 1977. WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF
DCM, SAIC, TWO POLITICAL OFFICERS, AND SOMETIMES PAO MEETS
ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS. LAST TIME OCTOBER 7, 1977.
DURING TENURE OF FORMER AMBASSADOR WEEKLY (SOMETIMES DAILY)
MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH DCM AND SAIC.

C. FULL NARCOTICS COMMITTEE MEETS SO THAT MEMBERS CAN BE
BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN PARAGUAY.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM
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HERE, AID'S ROLE IS NOW ENTIRELY PASSIVE WHILE USIS
PROVIDES VERY VALUABLE SUPPORT ON AN AD HOC BASIS TO
LOCAL INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, SPECIAL VISITOR TRAVEL TO THE U.S.,
ETC. POLICY AS SUCH IS SET BY THE AMBASSADOR ASSISTED BY THE
DCM AND CARRIED OUT BY DEA. IN ADDITION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF
A NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE PER SE IS THAT
THE STAFF AS A WHOLE AND ESPECIALLY THE COUNTRY

TEAM BE KEPT FULLY AWARE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE OF WHAT
OUR AIMS IN THE COUNTRY ARE. THIS IS ACHIEVED NOT
SO MUCH THROUGH THE PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE NARCOTICS
CONTROL COMMITTEE AS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AT THE WEEKLY
COUNTRY TEAM MEETING WHERE NARCOTICS IS A FREQUENT SUBJECT
FOR REVIEW.

D. NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ASUNCION CONCERNING PLANNING,
IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION, OR OVERSIGHT OF NARCOTICS
CONTROL ACTIVITY.
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